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TAGS: CSCE, SW
SUBJECT: APPROACH TO SWEDES ON POSSIBLE WALLENBERG AWARD

1. (C) ENTIRE TEXT.

2. HA ASSISTANT SECRETARY ABRAMS AND EUR ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLMES HAVE APPOINTMENT LATE AFTERNOON MARCH 11 WITH SWEDISH AMBASSADOR TO THE US, WACHTHEISTER TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A JOINT AWARD IN HONOR OF RAOUL WALLENBERG.

3. HAVING BEEN PRESENT AT THE CREATION, YOU OF COURSE KNOW THE FULL BACKGROUND OF THE WALLENBERG AWARD. GIVEN YOUR CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HEAD OF THE SWEDISH DELEGATION TO MADRID CSCE, YOU MAY WANT TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY BEFORE THE CSCE MEETING RECESSES MARCH 12 TO INFORMALLY SHARE THE IDEA WITH YOUR SWEDISH COUNTERPART.
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YOU SHOULD STRESS THAT THE IDEA WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE

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GOS IN WASHINGTON, WITH FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSIONS NEXT WEEK, THROUGH OUR EMBASSY IN STOCKHOLM.

4. FOR YOUR BACKGROUND, WE ARE REPEATING THE TEXT OF THE NON-PAPER TO BE GIVEN TO THE SWEDISH AMBASSADOR ON MARCH 11.

5. BEGIN TEXT: ON OCTOBER 5, PRESIDENT REAGAN SIGNED INTO LAW THE JOINT RESOLUTION OF CONGRESS MAKING RAOUL WALLENBERG AN HONORARY CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES. THIS IS ONLY THE SECOND TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES THAT A FOREIGN CITIZEN HAS BEEN SO HONORED -- THE FIRST WAS WINSTON CHURCHILL.

SINCE OCTOBER, THE USG HAS BEEN EXPLORING WAYS TO RESPOND POSITIVELY AND CONCRETELY TO THE TREMENDOUS OUTPOURING OF FEELING IN THIS COUNTRY FOR RAOUL WALLENBERG, IN A WAY THAT WOULD APPROPRIATELY HONOR HIS EXAMPLE OF COURAGE AND FREEDOM.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO THE CREATION OF AN AWARD TO HONOR THIS GREAT MAN -- AN AWARD TO BE CALLED THE RAOUL WALLENBERG FREEDOM AWARD. PRESIDENT REAGAN HAS ENDORSED THIS IDEA IN PRINCIPLE AND HAS ASKED THAT THE IDEA BE EXPLORED WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN.

THE AWARD WOULD BE PARTICULARLY MEANINGFUL IF IT WERE A JOINT CREATION OF THE SWEDISH AND AMERICAN PEOPLE, ADMINISTERED BY A JOINT COMMISSION OF PROMINENT CITIZENS FROM EACH OF OUR COUNTRIES. WE ENVISION THAT THE AWARD WOULD BE GIVEN PERIODICALLY -- PERHAPS ANNUALLY -- TO AN INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP WHO HAS, IN DEEDS AND CHARACTER, REFLECTED THE COURAGE AND SELFLESS COMMITMENT TO HUMAN

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FREEDOM OF RAOUL WALLENBERG, A RECIPIENT WHO DOES NOT USE OR ADVOCATE VIOLENCE IN THE PURSUIT OF FREEDOM.

LIKE THE NOBEL PRIZE, AN ESTABLISHED AMOUNT OF MONEY COULD ACCOMPANY THE AWARD, ALTHOUGH A LARGE CASH AWARD IS NOT NECESSARY. THE AWARD COULD BE A MEDALLION OR OTHER APPROPRIATE MOMENTO.

AS A NEXT STEP, WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN PRESENT THE IDEA FORMALLY IN A LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER

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FALLOIN. IF THE PRIME MINISTER SHARES PRESIDENT REAGAN'S INTEREST IN THIS ENDEAVOR, A U.S. DELEGATION WOULD VISIT STOCKHOLM TO DISCUSS THE IDEA IN MORE DETAIL WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT.

WE ENVISAGE THE PRESENTATION OF THE FIRST AWARD BY PRESIDENT REAGAN AND THE KING OF SWEDEN IN AN APPROPRIATE CEREMONY.

POSSIBLE RECIPIENTS (ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY)

ALTHOUGH DETAILS OF THE AWARD WOULD BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS, OUR INITIAL THINKING REGARDING POSSIBLE RECIPIENTS WOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

-- THOSE WHO HAVE, AT GREAT RISK TO THEMSELVES, LED OTHERS TO FREEDOM, E.G., AN INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP CONNECTED WITH THE RESCUE OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE.

-- SPECIAL CONSIDERATION MIGHT BE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IMPRISONED FOR THEIR WORK IN THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM, E.G., SAKHAROV OR ORLOV.

-- ORGANIZATIONS RESPECTED FOR THEIR EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE FREEDOM OF INDIVIDUALS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD,

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E.G. AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS.

-- LESS FORMAL GROUPS WHO REPRESENT GREAT STRUGGLES FOR FREEDOM, E.G., HELSINKI MONITORS, CHARTER 77, SOLIDARITY.

-- CHARISMATIC SYMBOLS OF MAN'S YEARNING FOR FREEDOM, LIKE LECH WALESA.

END TEXT.

6. FOR STOCKHOLM: WE WILL REPORT THE RESULTS OF THE MARCH 11 MEETING, WITH INSTRUCTIONS FOR AN APPROPRIATE FOLLOW-UP WITH THE GOS IN STOCKHOLM ASAP. HAIG

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